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2010 Memorial Day Traditional Powwow

Honoring our Warriors

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Newsletter Editor

Each year during the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend powwows, the Nation sponsors a celebration of its warriors. The 2010 Memorial Day Traditional powwow brought in over 440 dancers and over 25 singing groups. For many, Memorial Day is recognized as the start of summer and a time to remember those who have sacrificed their lives in war.

With months of planning and a new improved look at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial powwow grounds in Black River Falls, the 2010 Memorial Day Traditional Powwow was a success which took place May 29-31. Upon the request of the American Legion Post 129, the Sons of the American Legion (subsidiary group to Post 129) took charge of this year's powwow.

Throughout the weekend, many service men and women were recognized for what they have accomplished. Although temperatures were in the high 80's to mid 90's, the start of each session brought in an array of colors and dancers that filled the arena who danced hard and showed their style.

Boye Ladd, Sr. from Black River Falls, WI and Chris Grezlik from Winnebago, Nebraska had the honor of emceeing for the weekend and keeping everyone's attention. They explained to first time visitor's, the importance and the meaning behind certain songs and specials that took place such as: the Fish dance lead by Heath Littlejohn, the Snake Dance lead by Fletcher Collins, the Two-step lead by Charles Hindsley and Becky Taylor, feathering ceremonies, and bringing certain individuals back into the dance arena, along with honoring active service men and women leaving for overseas.

Along with singing and dancing, there was also a moccasin tournament and hand drum contest. Out of eight teams registered, this year's **first place moccasin winners went to "Iron Mound"** with team members: George Garvin, Greg Blackdeer, Ira Anderson, Ricky Smith, and Winter Smith. **Second place went to "Hot Moccasins"** with team members: Brady TwoBears, Fergie Funmaker, Rita Kingswan, and Elaina Day. **Third place went to "4x"** with team members: Corey Hindsley, Jesse Blackdeer, Cory Funmaker, Gabby Funmaker, and Bear WhiteEagle. **Fourth place went to "Old School"** with team members who came all the way from South Dakota: Brian Decotahu, Narcisse Lufkins, Shady Renaville, and Travis Rave.

Congratulations also go out to the Commander's Special hand drum contest. Taking home first place was Pipestone who travelled all the way from LCO. Second place went to Guns and Butter with Gabby Funmaker, Corey Hindsley, and John Morris Sr. Motown took third place with James Morris, Bobby Morris, and Anthony Green Crow.

Many specials took place throughout the weekend and luckily the rain held off long enough to not put a damper on any of it. At 10 am sharp on Memorial Day, May 31, flag-raising took place. Over 100 flags were raised from family and friends of those who sacrificed their lives in war. After flag-raising, the arena was circled with veterans who all had the opportunity to introduce themselves and state their branch of service and some told a story or two. Many thanked those past and present who have served in the armed forces and were thankful they made it back. Some even apologized for enlisting without telling the family. Although some stories were comical and brought back memories, it was also a time for some to share their heartfelt feelings.

The newly paved roads and lighting along the paths made for less dust, easy travel, less chaos, and a sense of security at night. Friends and family gathered and enjoyed a weekend of fun, laughter, socializing, enjoying "good" Indian food, watching a number of fine dancers, and listening to some excellent singing. Besides singing and dancing, what is a powwow without our vendors. A special thank you to all of the vendors that set-up all weekend.

Thank you to the Ho-Chunk cooks who prepared all the wonderful meals for the three day event. What a great way to show Ho-Chunk hospitality to our guests.



Sons of the American Legion taking the Eagle Staff and all of the flags around the arena before singing the four service songs, along with a Coast Guard song.



More than 100 Veterans circle the arena after Flag Raising.

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2010 Family Wellness Retreat
Paid Administrative Leave

The Family Wellness Retreat will be August 11 and 12, 2010 at the Ho-Chunk Nation Convention Center, Baraboo, WI.

Paid administrative leave for employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation will be approved both days for the parent(s), guardian(s) and placement parent(s) that are working with Child and Family Services who have registered prior to May 14, 2010 or begin receiving services from CFS in May, June or July and this would be an appropriate event to attend. In this situation the CFS Director would have to sign the registration form to acknowledge service eligibility.

Paid administrative/approved annual leave for employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation that register May 17, 2010 through July 2, 2010 will be approved as follows:

August 11, 2010-half day program, banquet and family activity-----Approved annual
August 12, 2010-full day program---Approved administrative leave

If the individual or family lives over 50 miles and request a room they must register for and must attend both days of the event to receive a free room.

All employees of Ho-Chunk Nation receiving paid administrative leave to attend the Child and Family Services 2010 Family Wellness Retreat must follow the steps listed:

1. Obtain approval for administrative leave from his/her supervisor according to the Employee Relations Act.
 (Determining attendance at a particular day of the conference or both days of the conference is the employee and supervisor's responsibility).
2. Must register by Friday May 14, 2010 or have CFS Director Signature of service eligibility if you are working with CFS for the two day paid administrative leave.
3. Must register between May 17, 2010 and July 2, 2010 to receive the one day paid administrative leave and eligibility for second day annual leave.
4. Must attend full schedule of conference **approved by supervisor**

EITHER:
All of both days: Wednesday August 11, 2010 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and Thursday August 12, 2010 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

OR:
All of **either** day of conference (days/times of conference listed above)

4. Must register on the **Employee-Administrative Leave Registration** sheet provided at the Family Wellness Retreat registration table and provide the following:

 Printed name
 Department name
 Supervisor
 Supervisor's location of office
 Signature

5. Must sign in on the **Employee-Administrative Leave Presentation/Session Sign In sheet** at the beginning of **all** presentations/sessions attended throughout the day identifying proof of attendance per presentation.

All 2010 Family Wellness Retreat Employee-Administrative Leave Registration sheets and Presentation/Session Sign In sheets will be forwarded either via interoffice mail or postal service (which ever is most time efficient and allowed) by Luann Krpata, Social Services Executive Administrative Assistant to the listed department Executive Directors and Supervisors by Friday August 29, 2010.

The 2010 Family Wellness Retreat administrative leave is:

✓ Approved

____Disapproved

Wilfrid Cleveland — 4-21-10
President of the Ho-Chunk Nation — Date

Hocak Worak Address Verfications

The Hocak Worak needs your help! If anyone has a change of address, first contact enrollment at 800-294-9343 at ext. 1015 and secondly, call the Hocak Worak at ext. 1006 once changes have been made with enrollment.

If your name is on this list, your Hocak Worak Newsletter is being returned to us. We are in need of your new address. Remember the first and second step!

Thank you,
Hocak Worak Staff

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As a tribal member your participation in the 2010 US Census is necessary. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL HO-CHUNK PEOPLE ARE COUNTED. If you didn't respond to the 2010 census form received in the mail or get a visit from census personnel, please call (866) 872-6868 and provide your answers over the phone. Please don't be left out of the count for all Ho-Chunk Communities.

Dear 2010 Census Partner,

The 2010 Census is an opportunity for American Indian and Alaska Native voices to be heard. All tribes and villages can explain who they are and what they need. Participation in the census will help share the future for families today and for generations to come.

The 2010 Census will provide tribal governments with important information to help them meet community needs and shape the future for today's youth. Census data determine which schools receive improvements, where new health care facilities and community centers are built and what new roads, public transportation and housing options are planned. Essentially, the census is about your future and your family's future.

As you know, the American Indian and Alaska Native audience is a very diverse group including 562 federally recognized tribes and villages and more than 60 state-recognized tribes and villages. Yet, the total number of American Indian and Alaska Native people is relatively small, making it vital that everyone is counted once, only once and in the right place. Your participation will help the U.S. Census Bureau achieve a more complete and accurate count of the American Indian and Alaska Native population. As a trusted voice among this group, the Census Bureau will rely on you to raise awareness that the census is happening and encourage all to participate. Your efforts, in tandem with other 2010 Census public awareness initiatives program, will help ensure an accurate count.

Sincerely,
Dr. Robert M. Groves
Director, U.S. Census Bureau

******Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature******

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ho-Chunk Nation TAX CODE

WHERE: Ho-Chunk Casino, Hotel & Convention Center
WHEN: Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
PURPOSE: Review and Comment on proposed *Tax Code* (5 HCC § 10)
REASON: Provide public forum for Tribal Members to voice their concerns, raise any questions, or express their support or opposition to the proposed *Tax Code*

The Legislature scheduled a public hearing on the proposed *Tax Code* per a Resolution adopted at its Legislative Session on April 20, 2010 and in accordance with the *Legislative Organization Act* (2 HCC § 11) and the *Open Meetings Act* (2 HCC § 2). This will provide Tribal Members an opportunity to hear the reasons the Legislature is considering enacting a *Tax Code*. **The proposed version of the *Tax Code* is on the Nation's website and Legislative webpage in the forty-five day public comment section.** In addition, any Tribal Member may contact Melanie Stacy in the Legislative Office to have the current version of the *Tax Code* mailed to him or her. This proposed version incorporates the comments from Tribal Members and motions made at District Meetings when the Legislature placed the *Tax Code* out for forty-five day public comment.

******PUBLIC NOTICE******

Mahic Chronicles - "Tis the Season"

Just noticed that people are keeping a furtive eye on me to see where I'm going, what car I'm riding in, who I'm with, if I have a cooler (with ice), if I have a plant clipper, etc. Now I'm noticing the same thing about others. It seems that as June 6th rolls around (usually the first day to see if they are ready) all eyes are watching the usual patches and one another.

Make room in the freezer, make ready the tools (cooler, clippers, sunglasses, hat, boots or tall socks, driver who can give everyone the slip) plan for a few hours off of work or taking care of family members, make sure the cooking utensils are at the ready, bag of flour handy, different kinds of appropriate meat in the refrigerator and freezer bags at hand.

Making sure that you have a stash for an excellent treat sometime during the winter. Prepare your no- freezer-burn incognito hidden bundle. I actually know a lady who went to get out her stash and it was gone! Oh, foul deed!

Good luck to all you mahic hunters and have a safe season.

Helen Harden

Cougars in Wisconsin

Submitted by
Karen D. Karash, Wildlife Technician - Ho-Chunk Heritage Preservation

History/Introduction

Wisconsin has historically been home to three native wildcats including bobcats (lynx rufus), Canada lynx (lynx Canadensis) and cougars (puma concolor). Currently bobcats are the only known breeding wildcat in the state. Canada lynx make rare visits to the state, but do not appear to have a breeding population here. Reports suggest that cougars disappeared from the state around 1910, but reports of sightings began once again in the 1940s.

In the early 90s, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources developed a standardized system for collecting public reports of cougar and other rare mammal observations. On January 18, 2008 a cougar sighting was verified in Rock County, Wisconsin. The WDNRs standardized reporting system and its efforts in educating the public about the information required for accurate reporting of sightings, has aided the state in this process. Since that verified sighting in January of 2008, the state of Wisconsin has been able to verify and document numerous cougar sightings. For more information on details of verified cougar sightings in Wisconsin, please review the following link: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/mammals/cougar/sightings.htm

Current Status

Since the sighting in January of 2008, there have been 10 verified cougar sightings and a recent livestock depredation. Some of the sightings that occurred in relative close proximity to others are expected to be from one individual. This theory is typically based on the date and direction of one sighting in comparison to another sighting. Based on trail cam photos and other details about the sightings, it is expected that the cougars showing up in the state are young adults. There is a lot of information about the cougar populations to the west, and studies show that they are expanding their range easterly. Cougars that we are seeing in our area are likely coming from overpopulated western regions.

Report Cougar Sightings

Ho-Chunk Nation DNR is interested in receiving reports on cougar sightings. People who have observations of cougars are also encouraged to report them by using WDNR Rare Mammal Observation Form, which can be located at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/forms/rare_mammal.asp Tribal members are encouraged to contact the HCN DNR office or Wildlife Technician, Karen Karash if they have a valid cougar sighting to report. Please be ready to provide information such as:

-Details of the exact location, time, date, and description of the animal are especially important.

-Pictures of the animals and their tracks are also greatly appreciated.

-Pictures of suspected tracks should have a ruler or other measuring tool in the photo.

-Biological samples that can be tested for genetics may also be very useful. These could include scats, hair samples, other body parts, or remains of prey species.

Cougar Encounter

If you meet a cougar:

· Hike in groups of two or more. Make enough noise to prevent surprising a cougar.

· *Never approach a cougar.* Although cougars will normally avoid a confrontation, all cougars are unpredictable. Cougars feeding on a kill may be dangerous.

· Always give a cougar an avenue of escape.

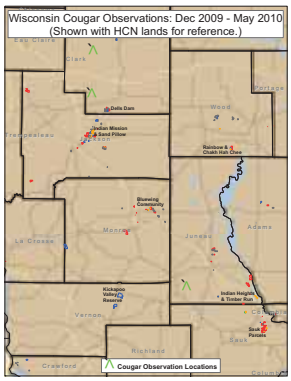
· *Stay calm.* Talk to the cougar in a confident voice.

· *Pick all children up off the ground immediately.* Children frighten easily and their rapid movements may provoke an attack.

· *Do not run.* Try to back away from the cougar slowly. Sudden movement or flight may trigger an instinctive attack.

· *Do not turn your back on the cougar.* Face the cougar and remain upright.

· *Do all you can to enlarge your image.* Don't crouch down or try to hide. Pick up sticks or branches and wave them about.



If a cougar behaves aggressively:

· Arm yourself with a large stick, throw rocks, speak loudly and firmly. Convince the cougar that you are a threat not prey.

· If a cougar attacks, **fight back!** Many people have survived cougar attacks by fighting back with anything, including rocks, sticks, bare fists, and fishing poles.

Cougars are a vital part of our diverse wildlife. Seeing a cougar should be an exciting and rewarding experience, with both you and the cougar coming away unharmed.

For more information about cougars in Wisconsin, please review the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website.

Wisconsin's Heat Awareness Day

June 10, 2010

Submitted by
Jerad Albracht, Wisconin Assistant Public Information Officer

Gov. Jim Doyle has proclaimed June 10, 2010 as Heat Awareness Day in Wisconsin. The campaign is to remind people of the dangers associated with extreme heat and to encourage citizens to take protective safety measures.

In 1995, two major killer heat waves affected most of Wisconsin, resulting in 154 heat-related deaths and over 300 heat-related illnesses. Summer heat waves have been the biggest weather-related killers in Wisconsin for the past 50 years, far exceeding tornadoes and severe storms.

To encourage citizens to be prepared for severe heat, Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) and the National Weather Service offer these tips to keep safe in hot weather:

1. Never leave children, disabled persons, or pets in a parked car - even briefly. Temperatures in a car can become life threatening within minutes.

2. Keep your living space cool. Cover windows to keep the sun from shining in. If you don't have an air conditioner, open windows to let air circulate. When it's hotter than 95 degrees, use fans to blow hot air out of the window rather than to blow hot air on to your body. Basements or ground floors are often cooler than upper floors.

3. Slow down and limit physical activity. Plan outings or exertion for the early morning or after dark, when temperatures are cooler.

4. Drink plenty of water and eat lightly. Don't wait for thirst, but instead drink plenty of water throughout the day. Avoid alcohol or caffeine and stay away from hot, heavy meals.

5. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Add a hat or umbrella to keep your head cool...and don't forget sunscreen!

6. Don't stop taking medication unless your doctor says you should. Take extra care to stay cool, and ask your doctor or pharmacist for any special heat advice.

7. Infants should drink breast milk or formula to get the right balance of water, salts and energy. You may supplement your infant's fluids with an additional 4 to 8 ounces of water per day, but don't dilute formula beyond what the instructions say (unless instructed by your doctor).

Easy ways to beat the heat include a cool (but not cold) bath or shower, which actually works faster than an air conditioner. Applying cold wet rags to the neck, head and limbs also cools down the body quickly.

People at higher risk of a heat-related illness include:

- Older adults
- Infants and young children
- People with chronic heart or lung problems
- People with disabilities
- Overweight persons
- Those who work outdoors or in hot settings
- Users of some medications, especially those taken for mental disorders, movement disorder, allergies, depression, and heart or circulatory problems
- People who are isolated that don't know when or how to cool off - or when to call for help

National Weather Service Heat Wave Program in Wisconsin

1. Outlook Statement - Issued 2 to 7 days in advance of when Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Warning conditions are anticipated. Issued as a Hazardous Weather Outlook (HWO). Broadcasted on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, and posted on NWS web sites (www.weather.gov).

2. Heat Advisory - Issued 6 to 24 hours in advance of any 24-hour period in which daytime heat index (HI) values of 100 or more and/or when air temperatures are expected to be 95 degrees or higher. If four consecutive days of these conditions are expected, then the Excessive Heat Warning will be issued.

3. Excessive Heat Watch - Issued generally 12 to 48 hours in advance of any 24-hour period in which daytime heat index (HI) values are expected to be 105 or higher and nighttime HI values will be 75 or higher.

4. Excessive Heat Warning - Issued 6 to 24 hours in advance of any occurrence of a 48-hour period in which daytime heat index (HI) values are expected to be 105 or higher and nighttime HI values will be 75 or higher.

For additional information about heat awareness, contact your local public health department, county emergency management director or the National Weather Service.

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Blue Wing Cemetery expanded

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Staff Writer

Named after Ah-Who-Chue-Ga, Blue Wing Cemetery near Tomah recently had its borders extended for the second time in the last half-century.

The latest expansion, which added 0.33 acres to the existing 1.5 acres, corrects a mistake made years ago when a fence line marking the northern boundary was moved to the south without the knowledge or consent of the Winnebago people.

Blue Wing, known as Artichoke to the non-Indian community, purchased the property in 1884 with the likely intention of using the land as a campsite. Although the site may have been used as an Indian burial ground prior to that time, the first mention of the land being used as a cemetery was on



Part of the recent 0.33 acres (approximately 1,350 feet) added to Blue Wing Cemetary.

December 23, 1892 when Blue Wing and his wife deeded to Mrs. Eno Ka Nash a portion of the land "for the use of the Winnebago Indians as a burial ground." On the same day, another parcel was deeded to George Deer, Harry Lea and Goodbear "for a cemetery for the Winnebago Indians."

A 1940 letter written by Peru Farver, Superintendent of the Tomah Indian Agency, to Monroe County District Attorney Lambert Hanson suggests that the northern border of Blue Wing Cemetery was in dispute nearly 70 years ago. A portion of that letter appears below.

"A number of Indians living in that district have informed this office that the cemetery, within its present fence, is practically filled and it is now difficult to dig a grave without disturbing previous interments. For this reason these people desire to have the cemetery extended northerly beyond the present fence limit to include the remainder of the area originally set aside for burial purposes. Their claim to this additional land is based on numerous conveyances which have reserves for burial purposes the particular land in question. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are the present holders and will not permit extension of the fence."

"The area between the North fence of the cemetery and North line of the forty is 94' x 194' and is alleged by the Indians to be part of the original plot reserved for burial purposes. John Smoke states the present cemetery fence, with the exception of the one on the North side, was constructed by Indians many years ago and at a time when the Indians were not so concerned over corners and lines as they are now. The North line fence built by the Indians was placed approximately two rods North of the present one. Someone move it without the knowledge and consent of the Indians. The space between the cemetery and the North line of the forty is now used as a pasture and does contain a number of graves including those of John Smoke's parents."

"No record of a cemetery deed was found in the office of the Register of Deeds. There are however numerous instruments of record which have reserved about an acre in the Northwest corner and as the cemetery does not at present extend to the corner, it is the desire of the Indians and this office that the cemetery be enlarged to about an acre."

Although records indicate that around that time Monroe County set aside a parcel that included considering the "extra" area as a cemetery, until recently nothing was done to officially record an extension of the northern boundary.

Blue Wing Cemetery was expanded to the west sometime in the late 1950's. According to Ed Noth, who currently lives just south of the cemetery, his parents, Irwin and Gladys decided that they didn't need all that land and donated a portion of their property to the Winnebago people. Noth stated that while the years have clouded his memory, he recalls the donation being about one-third of the cemeteries' size before the recent addition of the northern portion.



A monument dedicated in 1974 serves as a tribute to Blue Wing.

Early in 2009, Ho-Chunk Nation archeologist Jay Toth learned the site had not been catalogued as a cemetery and worked to have the site officially classified as a cemetery with the State Historical Society. At the same time, Executive Director of Administration worked with Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Attorney Michelle Greendeer, who in turn began the process of submitting a historical report of the legal description controversy that sought to have the North line of the Forty (approximately 14, 285 square feet of land) restored as part of the cemetery. The State Historical Society agreed with the Tribal Attorney via a written certification.

Earlier this year, the Nation contacted Connie Noth (Irwin and Gladys' daughter) who was the current owner of the land in question. Ms. Noth dutifully relinquished a portion of the property that long ago was an original part of Blue Wing Cemetery. Attorney Greendeer drafted a corrected deed reflecting the change.

Beginning the week of April 26, maintenance personnel from Black River Falls began tearing down the original barbwire fence that enclosed the cemetery. On May 18-19 workers hired by the Nation put up fencing that marks the new boundaries and protects the cemetery.

The expansion will allow future generations of Ho-Chunk people to be laid to rest along their relatives. Currently, there at least 132 burials within the boundaries of Bluewing. The Tomah community have an overwhelming feeling knowing they are regaining land once lost.

A very special thank you and commendation from the Ho-Chunk Nation is extended to Edward Noth and his sister Connie Noth for their understanding and assistance in memory of their generous parents.

Records Management Department expanding

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

As the Ho-Chunk Nation continues to expand its government and enterprises more space is needed to store and protect the records generated. Records Management Director Tom Hall stated that the department currently has over 29,000 boxes of stored information at two locations in Black River Falls. About 3,000 boxes of permanently archived records relating to government functions are stored in a fire proof vault in the Executive Building. Another 26,000 boxes containing everything from enterprise receipts and purchase orders to employee timesheets (cold storage) are stored in a nearby 5,440 square foot warehouse.

Hall continued that because the BIA mandates that some records be held for a certain number of years before they can be destroyed (for example casino records must be held for seven years), the shelves are getting full at both locations. "Our cold storage warehouse is about 95-98 percent full," he said.

Recently the Ho-Chunk Finance Committee approved nearly $600,000 for the expansion of the Records Warehouse. Hall said that current plans are to double the size of the current cold storage warehouse and include a nearly 1,400 square foot vault to house permanently archived records within the structure. The new cold storage area would have the capacity to shelve 9,000 boxes. The separate vault area could house another 5,000 boxes.

The current warehouse has fire alarms and smoke detectors. Generally used by personnel when shredding documents, it is not heated. Hall explained that along with heated floors, air conditioning and restroom facilities, the new warehouse will have an 800 square office to be shared by five employees. A mobile record storage system and 32 feet long racks will make all the boxes and records more accessible, he said.

The paper shredding process generates a lot of dust that can pose a potential health problem to the workers. Hall said that the new warehouse will feature a system that allows the dust to filter outside. "It will offer more protection to the employees," he said.

Hall stated that instead of moving boxes that are already shelved, the additional space will be used when Record Management staff members bring in boxes from government offices or gaming enterprises. He estimated that typically over 5,500 boxes of information are brought in and stored annually and not nearly that amount has reached an expiration date and can be destroyed. "The difference gets bigger every year."



Records Management Director Tom Hall between stacked shelves in the Executive Building's Records vault.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Records Management Department has been recognized by the BIA as the most advanced Tribal Records Program in the State of Wisconsin. Hall stated that to maintain that efficiency level and provide a safe workplace for the employees, the expansion was needed.

Although he is still in the process of selecting a contractor, Hall is optimistic that construction of the new warehouse can begin in mid-July. He would like to start filling the shelves by mid-October.

The power to make a difference

The journey of Eloise Cobell

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

One of Indian Country's modern day heroines visited the College of the Menominee Nation on June 2. Eloise Cobell, the lead plaintiff in Cobell v. Salazer, a federal case dealing with the federal government's management of Individual Indian Money Accounts, shared her story in hopes of encouraging others to get the education they need to help bring about needed changes in Indian Country.



Eloise Cobell believes that education is the key to making positive changes in Indian Country.

College of Menominee Nation President, Verna Fowler said that while it's easy to focus on the amount of the settlement, a reported $3.4 billion, "our invitation to Eloise Cobell came in large part because she is such a prime example for our students and our community of 'the power of one.' It is both educational and gratifying to see how an individual's insistence on transparency in government and personal commitment to justice can achieve positive results for so many."

A member of the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana, Cobell recalled that prior to filing her suit in 1996; she wondered why her people were living in poverty when the land they resided on was rich in oil and timber. Suspicious that the federal government believed that Indian people could not manage their own lands and knowing that Indian people could not even take out a mortgage on their own property and learning that individual Indians had money in trust accounts earning a deficit interest, Cobell's goal was to make the government accountable. Because she believed "that if we just had access to our own money we could get better healthcare and other needed services lacking in Indian Country," she began questioning why the Department of the Interior wasn't following provisions of the 1994 Trust Fund Reform Act. Invited to Washington, D.C. she decided after one meeting "that nobody was listening" and she decided to sue the federal government. She filed the lawsuit on June 10, 1996.

"I was among the more than 500,000 Indians across the nation with funds in an Individual Indian Money Account and I did not know and could not find out how much money I had, where it came from, how it was being invested or how or whether it would ever reach my pocket. I knew that was not right. When we filed the case I thought it would be two to three years of litigation. I expected to have a settlement 10 years ago. Instead the battle lasted 14 years in what proved to be the largest class action law suit ever filed against the United States government."

Admitting that before the trial she was nervous, Cobell told of one particular moment that is especially memorable. Standing near the Lincoln Memorial, she recalled seeing all the huge government buildings, including the White House and realizing, "I'm suing the federal government. What have I done?" The gravity of the enormous challenge that awaited all of us finally hit me, she said.

Noting that throughout the trial the government remained steadfast that it owed individual Indians nothing, Cobell found it ironic that in spite of a Protective Order being issued to protect the records, the Department of the Treasury reportedly destroyed 168 boxes of checks written to individual Indians. Documents went missing throughout the trial, she said. "We wanted to establish a recording system that made the government accountable and force the government to make payments to individual Indian landowners."

The plaintiffs were originally awarded $455 million not the $48 billion they sought. Following an Appellate Court ruling, a $3.4 billion settlement was agreed to in December 2009. Most of the payments from the class action case, which represented all present and past beneficiaries of federally managed Indian trust assets, will go to members of western tribes. Relatively few individuals in Wisconsin will directly benefit from the payments, estimated at about $1,500 per class member. Appropriations for payments have yet to be made.

Cobell stated that the victory was not about the money. "It was about somebody stepping forward and saying no more. The lawsuit was about the past. The future is about change and making sure the deficiencies we pointed out are corrected. Individuals need the power to manage their own resources."

Recalling that President John Kennedy once said, "If we dream alone it's a dream. If we dream together it becomes reality," Cobell stressed that she was not alone in her fight. She urged others to get the education and information they need to make positive changes. "It starts off at the community level. It's not about you. It's about others. We need to be better educated and thus better equipped if we hope to make the needed changes in our communities," she concluded.

Inmates contribute to Louella's Fun Run

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

For the third consecutive year inmates at the Black River Falls Correctional Center participated in and contributed funds to the 10th Annual Louella Blackdeer Fun Run held May 29 in Black River Falls.

Following a brief check presentation ceremony held on May 25 at Majestic Pines Hotel, Captain John Steindorf, a Correctional Supervisor at the Center, stated that because many of the inmates are incarcerated for alcohol and other drug related offenses, Louella's Fun Run, held in honor of Louella Blackdeer, killed by a drunk driver in May 2000 is a worthy cause.

Steindorf explained that this year approximately 70 inmates contributed about $1,000 to the event and 37 earned the right to participate. "It's more than double what we ever raised before," he said. In addition to running, some inmates carried the RADD (Runners Against Drunk Driving) Marathon Runners Flag.

Fun Run Coordinator, Louella's mother, Lani Blackdeer stated that all the money raised for the event goes to support the RADD team and to programs and events that promote sobriety. This year about 300 people participated in either the 5K, 10K, Half-Marathon or Children's Run. "It's grown every year."



RADD Coach Irwin Begay, Black River Falls Correctional inmates Ressman and Magee, Fun Run Coordinator Lani Blackdeer and Black River Falls Correction Officer John Steindorf at the inmates' check presentation held May 25 at Majestic Pines Hotel.



Family, friends, and participants gathered at the 2010 Louella Fun Run.

Armed Robbery at Whitetail Crossing

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

An armed robbery took place at Whitetail Crossing convenience store and smoke shop in Black River Falls, WI on Monday May 31st at 11:25 p.m.. The suspect was described as being between 5'6" and 5'9" tall and weighing approximately 150-170 pounds.

At the time of the robbery the suspect was wearing a long sleeve gray jacket, black gloves, blue jeans, and a full-faced motor cycle helmet which was black and had a silver and red pin striped flame design. After entering the store, the suspect took out a semi-automatic pistol and pointed it at an employee and demanded money from another employee.

The suspect then left the store and fled the location on an off-road type bike according to a report from Sheriff Duane M. Waldera.

Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of Business retail operations manager, Rob Reider, was asked not to comment or release any information on the incident due to an investigation still being in progress.

If anyone has any more information on the suspect and robbery please contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Office at 715-284-5357.



The man show saved Wo Zha Wa

Submitted by
Missy Tracy, Senior Manager Public Relations – Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells

May 18, 2010 was no ordinary day for Dennis Schlei. That was the day his quick thinking saved the Wo Zha Wa Sports Bar and Grille located at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells from going up in flames. Dennis Schlei, a ten year Environmental Services employee assigned to Floor Care Specialist duties was ahead of schedule on his duties that day. Over the radio around 10:45 am, he heard Environmental Services employee Craig Thompson reporting on the radio to his supervisor that he saw a small flame in Wo Zha Wa. Schlei witnessed another Environmental Services employee James Ott running up the escalator trying to get into Wo Zha Wa, but the doors were locked.

Schlei hurried to the back kitchen area of the Stand Rock Buffet also located at the Ho-Chunk facility to gain access to Wo Zha Wa. He quickly spotted the fire extinguisher, pulled the pin, got the hose out and started to extinguish the flames that were now shooting up around a seating area in Wo Zha Wa. Schlei initially diminished the flames, but they started up again and he continued to use the fire extinguisher until all the flames were gone. After the flames were doused, the area started to fill up with smoke. Security staff had arrived to clear the area and Maintenance staff was also on the scene to investigate with flashlights any additional fires in the ceiling area.

Schlei remained calm throughout the entire incident. He credits his Fire Extinguisher Training from Sue Breneman from the Maintenance Department, and Alice Schlei from the Environmental Services Department with giving him the skills to handle fire emergencies. Schlei feels everyone should take the training class and be aware of where the fire extinguishers are located. Schlei stated, "It's something I won't forget – dancing flames – you don't see that every day."

There were a couple of coincidences that came into play with this incident. The glass windows in Wo Zha Wa had recently been changed from frosted glass to clear glass. If the frosted glass was still in place, the flames would have gone undetected. Schlei had just returned from vacation and had noticed the floor tile being dirty due to removal of tile work from the downstairs atrium area. Normally he would not have been in the front area that day, but he wanted to clean the tile to look good for the guests. "That's the type of dedicated employee he is," stated Jennifer Field, Environmental Services Manager. Schlei's wife Alice is also employed by Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells as an Environmental Services Trainer. The couple resides in Necedah, WI. They have four grown children.



Dennis Schlei, a ten year Environmental Services employee saves Wo Zha Wa.

The cause of the fire has been determined to be from an overheated transformer. Most of the damage was contained to smoke damage.

Jones Funmaker, Executive Manager stated, "Dennis' quick action saved us millions of dollars in damages." Dennis Schlei will be receiving a safety award along with Ho-Chunk's immense gratitude.

Ho-Chunk Gaming–WI Dells

Observes Memorial Day holiday

Submitted by
Missy Tracy, Senior Manager Public Relations – Wisconsin Dells

Despite an overcast sky a nice size crowd gathered at Ho-Chunk Gaming – WI Dells on Monday, May 31, 2010 to pay tribute to all those who served our country by making the ultimate sacrifice of giving their own life in exchange for the rights of all Americans to live free.



Stand L to R Joe White Eagle, next 3 unidentified, Tim Hanson and Ralph Decorah

The ceremony began at the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells flag poles with a Call to Order by Master of Ceremonies, Tim Hanson, member of the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post 556. Hanson stated during his opening comments, "Today everyone should walk up to a veteran and say thank you for your service to your country." Shortly thereafter Hanson introduced honored guest and Keynote Speaker, Dan Hillcoat, member of the VFW Post 1916 of Reedsburg. Uncharacteristic of some veterans who have served in battle and unlike several keynote speakers, Hillcoat did not discuss the meaning of the holiday but gave a very personal recount of what it was really like to serve during both of his tours of duty in the Korean and the Vietnam war. He seemingly recalled his memories as if they were yesterday which made his speech especially poignant. Also during his speech Hillcoat gave it a personal touch by introducing three members of his Reedsburg VFW Post 1916 and honored them by having them stand before the crowd while he gave a brief introduction of each one.

The flags were then lowered and raised to remain at half staff until noon that day by Ho-Chunk Security Officers Donald Olson, Richard Kurzweil, Edward Petzke, Michael Carroll, Francisco Alvarez, Douglas DeLa Torre, Larry Hoyt and David Van Slyke. During the flag detail the Wisconsin Dells Singers lead by Elliott Funmaker, Sr. along with Ken Funmaker, Jr., Heath Littlejohn, Kane Funmaker, Kody Funmaker and Morgan White Eagle sang the Hocak flag song.



Ho-Chunk Casino Memorial Day

Two crowd member service men assisted with the firing detail along with members of the Sanford White Eagle Post 556 with Commander Joe White Eagle, Ralph Decorah, Tim Hanson and one other unidentified serviceman to honor fallen warriors. Also representing the Sanford White Eagle Post 556 were members of the women's auxiliary, Onita Funmaker, Marla White Eagle, June White Thunder and one other unidentified woman.

The ceremony closed with "Taps" being played by flutist Tommy Lee, with one final song by the Wisconsin Dells Singers.

After the ceremony the several people left for the last day of the annual traditional Memorial Day Pow-Wow at Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow grounds in Black River Falls, WI.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin

"Ticket To More" hits the air this summer

Michelle Ramberg - Senior Manager-Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls

Watch for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin on TV this summer. Starting this June, a collection of newly created Ho-Chunk Gaming "Your Ticket To More" branding commercials are slated to hit television sets throughout the state of Wisconsin, along with parts of Minnesota and Illinois. This branding campaign was introduced to the public in recent months through a variety of different mediums and will now be supported even more through many different radio and television vehicles as well.

The Ho-Chunk Gaming marketing departments have made a collaborative effort to deliver a set of high quality television and radio commercials that carry a consistent message to all of our intended audiences in effort to brand our facilities under one united Ho-Chunk Gaming brand name. The spots offer a unique spin not often expected of "stereotypical" casino ads in that they are more emotional in nature than the normal, hard-selling facility fact-based ads. These commercials take on a much softer, story-telling approach by focusing on the personal stories and emotions experienced by characters that visit Ho-Chunk Gaming. The characters and stories are very down-to-earth and relatable, offering an easy connection for members of our target market.

Four different commercials were produced for this particular brand campaign that will be introduced and rotated simultaneously by all Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities one by one every 8 to 10 weeks starting June 1, 2010. These spots will air on a variety of different television programs, cable networks and radio stations throughout seven different geographic markets in the Midwest.

Renewable energies: a focus on biomass

Submitted by
Troy E. Swallow, Department of Business

This article on renewable energies covers the HCN Department of Business (DOB) biomass activities and summary project status. So far, the stage has been set as the use of fossil fuels (foreign oil) has changed federal policy and the US government is interested in finding other sources of energy enough to make funding available for projects like the biomass initiative. Also, HCN DOB is working to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, by increasing energy efficiency at our casinos and tribal facilities, and conserving energy where we it makes the most sense environmentally and business-wise. Focusing on energy efficiency has been coming up more often and the use of LED light bulbs and solar hot water heating has been showing up in departmental budgets or as solar panels on the top of tribal office buildings and homes.

Project History - In the last year, the DOB has considered several related business ventures, these include; large scale recycling, manufacturing solar panels, and the creation of alternative fuels. Consideration given determined that they were in a high risk category as most were venture start ups. Also, some technologies were not considered mature or they lacked attractive financial models. Others have material supply chains or markets for the recycled materials that are very unfamiliar to the HCN. The following is a list of Biomass related activities:

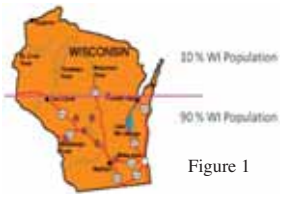
- Oct - Dec 2009, DOB staff attended renewable energy conferences and biomass facilities.
- Jan 2010, DOB met with Department of Interior's (DOI) Division of Energy Management and Development to explore renewable energy sources. The meeting included HCN President, legislators, and DOB staff, who reviewed the HCN profile of assets and decided to focus on using local waste streams as a primary option.
- From the same meeting we created a vision statement, project goals & activities, and a communications plan. In addition, the HCN applied for a technical assistance grant.
- Mar 2010, award in the amount $150,000 for a feasibility study for the biomass project.
- Mar 2010, a shift in focus towards waste-to-energy and more specifically biomass. This means we will use trash or municipal waste to burn them creating electricity.

HCN Profile - To understand why the waste-to-energy decision, one must look at a profile of the Ho-Chunk Nation. In general, the Ho-Chunk Nation has this basic profile:

- Approx 6800 tribal members with a Constitutional form of government
- No reservation or contiguous land base, small trust lands in 14 Wisconsin counties
- 6 Gaming facilities

Also, our location in central-western Wisconsin as depicted in Figure 1, illustrates how our location has benefited us in the Wisconsin gaming markets. So, if we are located within 90% of Wisconsin's population, then we are also located close to the major waste streams.

Figure 1



There are requirements for other renewable energies the HCN does not have. Our location in small communities scattered across Wisconsin counties on small trust land parcels does give us a contiguous reservation base and we do not have natural resources like wood, water, and farm lands. Figure 2 shows that the HCN lacks many of the attributes necessary to pursue other renewable energy sources. The DOB uses our tribal profile with DOI as a basis for pursuing the most suitable and appropriate renewable energy sources that are available and accessible from our tribal land base.

Figure 2

Biomass Thermal Processing - The decision to pursue biomass thermal processing includes the following considerations:

- Biomass is 20% of all renewables & 80% of that comes from renewable combustibles
- Thermal processing plants can boast near zero (0) emissions
- Biomass combustion technology is proven and mature
- Electricity can be returned directly back into the grid

Renewable Source	Requires	HCN Asset
Hydroelectric	Major River	N
Wind	Appropriate Land Base	N
Biomass – Fuel Wood/Plant	Large Reservation Lands-Based Natural Resource	N
Solar	Large Land Base	N
Ocean (tidal)	Lands Adjacent to ocean	N
Geothermal	Lands-based Geothermal Source (hot springs)	N

Figure 2

Figure 3 shows the bioenergy conversion routes for the biomass industry. On the right are the mechanical processes that are used to crush organic materials to get oil by-products. In the middle are the biochemical processes that fermentation or digestion-like processes to create chemical feed stocks, heat, and power. On the far left is thermal processing which is comprised of combustion and gasification that are the two processing that the DOB is considering. These processes are being used by many facilities today that have long term success with creating alternative energy. These processes have pro's and con's and this decision will be made as more information becomes available. The final process may include other products like wood chips that will be processed together in a hybrid process.

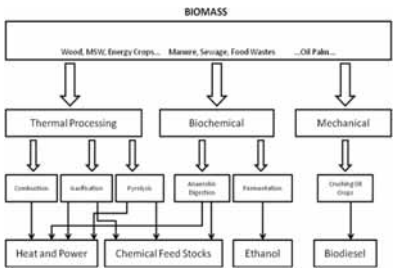


Figure 3

Project Status - There are more steps that must occur for this project to move forward. Firstly, the DOB is finalizing a response to an RFP for a consultant to conduct a feasibility study for the project. The feasibility study will help determine the size of the facility and how many megawatts it will produce. In addition, a facility site must be selected. Our use of the grant funding will consider use of existing tribal trust parcels in Dane, Marathon, and Wood counties. The decision of facility location may or may not be one of the primary candidate sites listed and it may not even be on trust lands. DOB project managers have been traveling to give district meeting presentations that reflect project activities to date. A benefit of creating this biomass facility is it will create about a dozen enterprise jobs. As the project scales, it may grow to about thirty HCN enterprise jobs.

Recent developments have also improved our position. Recently, Governor Jim Doyle signed the renewable resource credits bill (SB 273) into law, creating the Wisconsin Energy Employment Act. The definition of renewable energy sources now covers technologies like biomass, biogas, geothermal and solar hot water heating. This allows energy from waste projects like ours to be eligible for renewable energy credits.

The DOB will continue to keep the tribal membership informed as developments continue. The next article will discuss tribal policy and hocąk cultural values as it relates to renewable energy. If you have question or comments, please contact Craig Sechser at craig.sechser@ho-chunk.com or Troy Swallow troy.swallow@ho-chunk.com or they can be reached at 800-294-9343 x1200.

Proposed Beloit Casino back in the news

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

It was recently reported that City of Beloit officials and representatives of the Bad River and St. Croix Chippewa Tribes and the Ho-Chunk Nation are preparing to enter negotiations regarding a possible casino development project in Beloit.

The Chippewa group has had an intergovernmental agreement with the city since 2000, when voters approved the construction of a casino in the area. As negotiations between the Chippewa and city officials were moving forward, a decision issued by the Department of the Interior on January 3, 2008 changed everything.

In reference to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) of 1988, Associate Secretary of the Interior Carl Artman stated that although IGRA was intended to promote economic development of reservations, it was not intended to encourage the establishment of Indian gaming facilities far from existing reservations. Because Interior officials relied primarily on the distance between the proposed casino site and the reservations when considering the approval of off-reservation gaming sites it was decided that the St. Croix Reservation, located in Turtle Lake, 254 miles from Beloit and the Bad River Reservation, located near Ashland, 291 miles from Beloit were located too far away from the proposed site to directly benefit the members of either tribe. Officials also cited that tribal members wanting to work at the off-reservation sites might have to leave their homes on the reservations to gain employment. The Chippewa Tribes are seeking to have the policy decision overturned in a Federal Appeals Court.

Last fall the Nation announced that it had purchased a 26- acre parcel of land in the city, land that had been targeted for the Chippewa project. At that time, Ho-Chunk Nation Vice-President Dan Brown stated that the Nation is interested in the economic opportunities offered by the area. "We are looking forward to the chance to talk with local leaders about the potential opportunities to bring jobs, economic development and further investments to the Beloit area." He added that the Nation is interested in developing a casino in the area. With tribal trust land in the vicinity and with proven federally recognized aboriginal ties to the area, Brown was confident the Nation would not face the obstacles facing the Chippewa Tribes.

While it remains unclear if the Chippewa and the Nation are considering partnering for a possible casino development, Beloit City Manager Larry Arft stated the City Council is considering a new agreement that would include all three tribes.

Congratulations 2010 graduates!



Ashley Anne Funmaker
Memorial High School – Eau Claire, WI.
Parents: (Late) Max P. Funmaker & Eileen J. Funmaker
Future endeavors: Planning to attend college.



Brandon Winneshiek graduated from Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, WI with a degree in Business Management

Briana Maria Whitney
is graduating from Wisconsin Dells High School with HONORS. She was an active member of Spanish club, the Forensics team and represented her school proudly at Badger Girls State. She will start her college career locally at UW Baraboo and transfer to UW Whitewater to study Early Childhood and Elementary Education. We feel blessed to have watched you learn and grow through the years. All our love and best wishes on your endeavors. Your Family aka The Rainbow Tribe, Annette (Travis), Vance (Elizadeth), Roberta, Taleena, Travis Jr., Kay, Xander, Vipkri and the rest of the family.





Dustin J. Conant
Black River Falls High School
Father: Kevin Conant
Grandparents: Wayne and Sandy Lanier
Future endeavors: Dustin will be attending Chippewa Valley Tech College in Eau Claire in the AODA Associate Degree Program.



Ethan Godfrey Mallory, son of Peat and Patti Mallory, graduated Baraboo High School June 4th. He will be attending Baraboo University (Boo U) in the fall.



Emma Sylvia Weise
2010 honors graduate of Madison East High School in Madison, WI.
Parents: Rebecca Weise and Nels Nelson
Future endeavors: Emma was accepted into and plans to attend the College of Liberal Arts Honor Program at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.
She is a recipient of the Bentson Family Scholarship for all four undergraduate years at the U of M.

Jordan Dominguez
Graduated from Black River Falls High School
Jordan is the daughter of Jennifer Dominguez and granddaughter to Joseph Kingswan-White and Mae Wildcat-White, and Cecilia Dominguez. Brothers and sisters are: Sebastian, Michael, Cynthia, Ciara, and Monique. The best thing that ever happened was the birth of her daughter, Melody Lilliana Cecilia Dominique Nicholas, who passed away on 3-6-10.
Future Plans: College or Navy because "I would love to honor my country."





Cassie Manuell
Tomah High School
Parents: Peter & Becky Albert
Future endeavors: Attend UW-Milwaukee



Jamie Mallory
Class of 2010. We are very proud of you!!
Congratulations,
Love Mom & Dad & family



Sharice Davids
Graduated from Cornell Law School on May 16, 2010 in Ithaca, NY.
Daughter of Crystal Herriage, and granddaughter of (late) Ruth Stacy and Lawrence Littlegeorge Sr.
She received the John J. Kelly Award. She was the President of the Cornell Native American Law Students Association, and she participated in the American Indian Law Center's Pre-Law Summer Institute. (PLSI) in Albuquerque, N.M. She plans to practice law in Kansas City, MO.

Susan L. Sanborn
Graduated from Western Technical College in La Crosse, WI. On May 14, 2010.
Husband and Daughter:
Bradley and Erin Sanborn
Susan is the daughter of Wayne and Sandy Lanier
Susan earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in the Supervisory Management Program, with high honors. Her current plans are to use the knowledge and skills gained in her current position (Training and Development Director) with the Ho-Chunk Nation. She also plans on pursuing her Bachelor of Business Administration in Management with a Supervisory Management Specialty at Viterbo.





Michael S. Carriaga
(aka Big Mike)
Graduated from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko Ok.
Parents: Vanessa Carriaga of Black Rive Falls,WI
Richard Carriaga of San Antonio, Tx.



Kayree Royal Funmaker
Class of 2010 – Baraboo High School
Congratulations Kayree, you have made us proud.
Love, Your Moms, Dad, Brothers, Sisters and Family



Lainey J. Falcon
Graduating from La Crosse Central High School
She was active in Bowling throughout H.S. & placed 1st in the district bowling competition this year. She plans to pursue her interest in Cosmetology.
Parents: Cynthia Radtke and Bill Ward
Maternal Grandparents: Exilda Rockman Stone, Robert Stone and the late Russell Monegar.
Paternal Grandmother: Marge Herring



Aryka Lee Mrotek
Tomah High School
Granddaughter of: Pearl & Errol Mrotek
So proud of you!
Love,
your family

Future plans include attending the College of Culinary Arts - Minneapolis-St. Paul.



Samantha Kissel
2010 Graduate of
Gaston High School
Gaston, OR
Will be attending Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles, CA
fall of 2010



Forrest Whiterabbit, Jr., Buffalo Clan, Hocak name Aahužipga meaning Shortwing. A 2010 Graduate of Black River Falls H.S. and will be attending the University of Colorado at Boulder, beginning Fall 2010. Majoring in Biology and Geology, and a Minor in Art. Future plans are to be a mission specialist in the aerospace industry on the Orion Project in Colorado and beyond!

Proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Whiterabbit, Sr. of Denver, CO. Paternal Grandparents: Rev. Mitchell & Mrs. Camille Whiterabbit and Maternal Grandparents: Mr. Samuel & Mrs. Ann (Littlejohn) LoneTree.



Levi Winneshiek graduated from Neillsville High School. Neillsville, WI.

Alex Hunter Kivimaki
Tomah High School



Parents: Verdie & Tim Kivimaki
Grandson of Alice & Sterling Eades
Congratulations! You continue to make us proud! Love, your family
Graduated with high honors with a 4.3 GPA.

He was awarded the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor's Scholarship where he plans on attending in the fall in the school of Medicine and Public Health, majoring in Medical Microbiology and Immunology.



Herman H. Whiterabbit
Son of Katya and Herman Whiterabbit
(Buffalo Clan)
Congratulations
Herman Hafiz Whiterabbit
"Morning Star"
Monona Grove High School Class of 2010
Future endeavors: Herman is a talented Graphic Artist and hopes to make it into his career

Mark E. LaBarge
Graduated from WIPAMEN KER DA - Wittenberg Headstart.



Parent: Myrna Littlewolf
Grandparents: Martin Littlewolf, Jr. and the late Lauren K. Decorah
Great Grandparent: Annabelle Lowe
Likes: Mark likes to play basketball, baseball, swimming, riding bikes, dancing and singing and powwows.
Future goals: MAKE IT THROUGH KINDERGARTEN.



Tiana Marie Whitney *is graduating from Wisconsin Dells High School with HONORS. She was an active member Spanish club, the Forensics team, she lettered in soccer and was inducted into the National Honor Society. She will start her college career locally at UW Baraboo and transfer to UW La Crosse to study Athletic Training. We feel blessed to have watched you learn and grow through the years. All our love and best wishes on your endeavors. Your Family aka The Rainbow Tribe, Annette (Travis), Vance (Elizadeth), Roberta, Taleena, Travis Jr., Kay, Xander, Vipkri and the rest of the family.*



Nathaniel Decorah
High School: American School
Future endeavors: plans on attending MATC for Auto Mechanics.



Vincent Raymond Bourdon
Crandon High School
Parents:
April & Joe Daniels and Max Funmaker Jr.
Grandmothers:
Nancy Prescott and Janet Funmaker
Future Endeavors:
undecided on which college to attend.



RYLAN AND DAMIAN FUNMAKER
NEENK CHUNK GRA HEADSTART
CONGRATS TO OUR SONS,
HENA AND HAGA!!
LOVE,
MOM, DAD, AND NINI

2010 Memorial Day Traditional Powwow

Honoring our Warriors

Submitted by Tracy Pecore



(L-R) Andy Thundercloud, Neil McAndrew, Corporal Ken McAndrew, Bill Goodbear. Following in their father's military footsteps, Corporal Ken McAndrew - United States Marine Corp has served one tour in Iraq and will be leaving to Afghanistan in the fall, 2010. Ken's twin brother, Corporal Kyle McAndrew, United States Marine Corps has served one tour in Afghanistan and will be serving another tour in Afghanistan in the fall as well. The youngest of the McAndrew brother's, Corporal Dawson McAndrew – United States Marine Corps will be leaving for Afghanistan in the winter, 2010. After bringing Corporal Ken McAndrew into the arena, he drove back to North Carolina to Camp Lejeune.



Ricky Greengrass Crows Breast, Specialist E-4 in the United States Army, enlisted after graduating from Black River Falls high school in August, 2004. After serving one tour in Afghanistan, she is currently stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii with her son Draven and husband (whom she met in the military) who also did a tour in Iraq. Ho-Chunk veteran Paul Cloud spoke on her behalf for her first time being back in Wisconsin. In August of 2010, she will have one year left but is undetermined at this time about re-enlistment.



(L-R) Apesanakwat, Fletcher Collins, William Collins, Jeriah Rave, Charles Hindsley and Maynard Rave, Sr. dance in support of Jeriah Rave, United States Marine Corps, as he re-enters into the dance arena in full regalia.

Flag raising protocol for Memorial Day



1. Flags are raised to the very top then lowered to half mast, it stays there until noon then they are raised to the top.



2. During the time when the flag is raised the flag song is sung and the proper hand salute is done. To salute, all persons come to attention. Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute. Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to the left shoulder, hand over the heart. Members of organization in formation salute upon command of the person in charge.
3. When they are done singing the flag song the rifle squad then does a three shot salute.



4. Upon completion of the gun salute, taps is then played.
5. When taps is done the ceremony ends.



Staff Sgt. Jessika (Greendeer) Malott (daughter of Conroy and Janet Greendeer of Baraboo) joined the Army in 2004 and since that time has served her country as a Public Affairs Specialist. While stationed in Iraq, Jessika was presented the Bronze Star. The family wanted to recognize Jessika before having to leave soon after flag raising on Memorial Day.



After being absent for some time, the Greendeer family was supported by friends and family as they re-entered the dance arena.



Boye Ladd, United States Army, takes time out to tell his story after taking the mic around to all other veterans circled around the arena and those that could not make it to the arena.

2010 Mocassin Game Champs



Team "Iron Mound" takes home first place.



Rita Kingswan showing off her hiding skills with second place team "Hot moccasins".



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Ho-Chunk Nation

Community Health Nursing

Date: **6/24/2010**
Time: **5:00pm**

Community Event

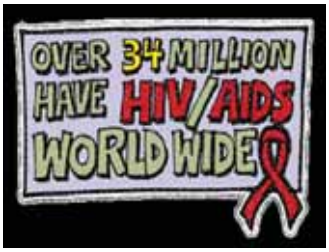
HIV and or AIDS is something we may not directly deal with in our daily lives, but the fact is, it exists!!!

Please come and join us for our Community Event.

The evening will focus on HIV/AIDS and its impact on Native communities!

We have a special guest speaker with a wealth of knowledge! Hope to see you there!

Highlights
- **Speaker**
- **Meal**
- **Door Prizes**
- **Good Information**
- **Knowledge**



House of Wellness
Baraboo, WI
Contact
Pam Reimer 715-886-5444 or
Kelli Engen 715-284-9851

Ho-Chunk Nation
House of Wellness Clinic
S2845 WhiteEagle Road
Baraboo, WI 53913

Phone: 608-355-1240
Phone: 888-552-7889

Night of Remembrance

Submitted by
Louise Voss
Ho-Chunk Health Educator



(L-R) Skylar WhiteEagle, Melissa Olivera, and Desiree Pettibone.

On Thursday May 27th the Night of Remembrance was held at the Black River Falls Powwow Grounds. One hundred and one people came out to participate and helped raise money for the Ho-Chunk Cancer Closet, which provides help and support to Tribal Members battling cancer.

We want to acknowledge the Journey Forward Cancer Support Group for raising the most money with the team challenge. The plaque will be placed at the Black River Falls Tribal Aging Unit where their meetings are held.

Special thanks go to those groups and individuals who helped this event be such a success. Maynard Rave and the Sons of the American Legion for allowing us to put on this program in conjunction with the Memorial Day Powwow, Lance Long for being our MC, Lance Blackdeer for providing us with drums for our program, Rockman Entertainment for providing us with DJ service throughout the night and keeping our walkers awake and entertained, Wisconsin Winnebago United Church of Christ for providing us with such a delicious meal, Jackson County Correctional Institute for providing the beautiful afghans which were given to cancer survivors and their families, the Maintenance Department for getting the grounds ready and looking great. A large thank you goes to the Native American Tobacco Network and GLITC for awarding us the grant and the means to put this whole thing together. Another thank you to all the people who volunteered their time to hand out t-shirts, register people, sell luminaries, set up the luminaries, serve food, set up equipment, clean up after the event, and everything else in between.

Last but definitely not least, everyone involved with the planning of this



(L-R) Lois WhiteEagle, Marla WhiteEagle, and Alicia WhiteEagle

event would like to give a big THANK YOU to all the walkers who showed up to show their support for the people in their lives who are or were battling cancer. It is because of people like you we all keep fighting. Thank You and we look forward to seeing you next year.

ATTENTION!!! On Tuesday June 22nd there will be a Blood Drive at the Tribal Office Building (TOB) in Black River Falls from 11:00-3:00. The American Red Cross will be setting up around 9:30 and appointments start at 11:00. If you are interested in donating or have questions about donating contact Louise Voss at 715-284-9851. Thank You.

Blood Drive

I GAVE BLOOD TODAY!

Blood drive
June 22, 2010

ATTENTION

Ho-Chunk Health Department PATIENTS & CUSTOMERS
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center &
House of Wellness clinics & other Health Offices
Will be closed on Wed-June 30, 2010
Please plan accordingly.

Come have a blast with family & friends!

It's time for the 11th Annual Canoe Trip!

Friday, July 16th, 2010
Wildcat Mountain State Park – Lower Park
Highway 33, Ontario, WI



The Fitness Initiative Committee of the Ho-Chunk Division of Health invites you to join us for another great canoe outing. We will be canoeing in a section of the beautiful Kickapoo River. We invite those who participated last year as well as newcomers to this wonderful event. This will be about a 3 hour trip.

You must pre-register for this event. A $10.00 deposit per canoe must be sent with your registration to Chris Frederick by July 2nd 2010. This will be returned to you AT THE EVENT.

This event is sponsored by the Special Diabetes Grant for Indians and the Lifestyle Balance Grant

Registration slip with deposit must be received by July 2, 2010 and sent to Chris Frederick at the House of Wellness, S2845 WhiteEagle Road Baraboo, WI. Once the deposit is received you will be sent a letter of confirmation, a map and further details for this event. Any questions, please call Chris @ 608 355-1240 or 888-560-4616, ext 5611.

Canoe Registration

Name_____ # in group_____ # of canoes_____

Address_____

Ages____,____,____,____,____,____,____,____.

Phone #_____

$10.00 Deposit:_____
(checks payable to Chris Frederick)

Diabetes BASICS Classes

Submitted by
Kathy E. Braaten, RD, CD, CDE Community Health Nutritionist

Do you have diabetes and want to learn more about managing your blood sugars?

The Ho-Chunk Health Department will be starting a comprehensive diabetes program that you are encouraged to participate in. The program will involve six classes over the course of six months. Many important diabetes-related topics will be presented. We ask that you commit to all six classes.

The next session will begin in Black River Falls at HHCC on June 28th and in Wisconsin Dells at the HOW on June 29th. If you are interested you can contact Kathleen Clemons at 715-284-9851 in the BRF area, or Chris Frederick in the Dells area at 608-355-1240.

You may be asked to have a physician check-up before the start of the program. Sorry, but we are only able to accommodate Native Americans in this program. Sessions will also be beginning in Tomah and Wittenberg later this year.

Ho-Chunk Nation Child & Family Services

Family Wellness Retreat

August 11 and 12, 2010

"Strengthening Our Communities for a Healthier Tomorrow"

Ho-Chunk Convention Center, S3214 Hwy. 12, Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

Free Registration Aug. 11
Ho-Chunk Convention Center
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Free Rooms
for participants driving more than 50 miles
Attendance required both days

Conference
August 11 and 12
Ho-Chunk Convention Center

Lodging check-in
4 to 4:30 p.m.

Banquet Meal
August 11
5 to 6 p.m

Family fun night
6 to 8 p.m.

Free Child Care
During Conference
For ages 0 to 7

All participants must register by July 2, 2010. No exceptions. Space is limited.

To register, contact Angela Ward at (715) 284-9851 ext. 5054 or (888) 685-4422 ext. 5054

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	Quarterly Fee	APR	Min Loan	Max Loan	Total Cost on $1,000
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Local Bank	$5.00	9.50%	$500.00	$1,000.00	$115.00
FNCF	$2.50	5.75%	$500.00	$1,500.00	$67.50

Financial Education	
Ho-Chunk Nation	No
Local Bank	No
FNCF	Yes

Amortization	Length
Ho-Chunk Nation	3 months
Local Bank	3 months
FNCF	3 years



320 Epoch Ave Tomah WI 54660 Phone: (608)374-2104 Fax: (608)374-2086

HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010
5:00 P.M.
HO-CHUNK CASINO, HOTEL, & CONVENTION CENTER
UPPER DELLS BOARDROOM
BARABOO, WISCONSIN

ATTENTION

Juanita Orozco could you please contact the newsletter, for a phone number concerning your Shamrock book. Thank you, Hocak Worak Newsletter
715-284-2388

HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE MEMBER'S POSITION

Role: The Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director.

Duties: The Board member's shall:

a) The Board shall not be a policy making body.

b) The Board shall be involved in the Department's strategic business planning.

c) The Board shall be consulted during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the Appropriations and Budget Process Act.

Terms: Directors shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The terms shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or reappointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter and three (3) Directors are appointed/reappointed in the alternate years.

Composition: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of five (5) members.

Board Qualifications:

1. The Board members that are nominated and appointed need to assure that they have experience and are qualified to take on such a position. This includes enforceability of standards and use of specific criteria. The use of specific criteria for evaluating applicants are as follows:
2. 7 years of business experience in management, ownership, or related responsibility.
3. Have an understanding of business finance, accounting, or related field, familiar with balance sheets, income statements, and proformas.
4. Have experience in Ho-Chunk Nation Business Board and/or business entities in service area of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
5. Accept fiduciary responsibilities of business Board and executing a non-disclosure agreement.
6. 5 years experience in serving on a board of directors for a non-profit entity.
7. Have an education in or relating to business planning, development, finance, legal, marketing, or management.
8. Not a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature or employee of any of the Ho-Chunk Nation Businesses.

If interested in serving on the Department of Business Board of Directors please submit a resume to Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business, W8914 Airport Rd, P.O. Box 667, Black River Falls, WI 54615, Ph: 715-284-9186. Fax: 715-284-1636

Call for Artists 2011

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) invites artists to participate in Call for Artists 2011.

The selected artist will be awarded a cash prize of $1,000 for the conference image of the 29th Annual "Protecting Our Children" National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, April 17-20, 2011 in Anchorage Alaska. The image will be published on NICWA's website and printed material reaching thousands, as well as being the centerpiece throughout the event.

NICWA National Indian Child Welfare Association

The only thematic requirement is that you submit a piece that you feel could adequately represent the conference title of "Protecting Our Children." NICWA shows no preference with regard to medium; however, if the piece is three-dimensional, a photo of the piece will need to be provided.

Submission requirements

- Image of artwork (jpeg, tiff, etc.)
- Biography of artist(s), including name, mailing address, phone number, fax, and tribal affiliation, if applicable.
- Description of the artwork, including medium and size.

Use of image policy

- Organization shall obtain the original artwork as its personal property.
- Organization shall digitally scan artwork for organizational use only.
- Organization shall reproduce image for printed materials associated with the (NAICCN).
- Organization shall retain right to use image in future NAICCN conference materials, for example, anniversary editions, commemorative activities, etc.
- Organization may alter or manipulate image for use in marketing materials; marketing materials may include organization's website (pre and post-event); development materials (pre-and post-event); printed materials, including, but not limited to Save-the-Date postcards, registration information, conference agenda book, and Call for Presentations mailing.
- Organization will reference artist, description of art, and artist biography in the NAICCN conference agenda book, as well as reference the artist on the NICWA website's NAICCN conference information page.

Deadline

Submissions should be e-mailed to laurie@nicwa.org no later than June 30, 2010.

Questions?

Any questions regarding the Call for Artists 2011, the 29th Annual "Protecting Our Children" National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, can be directed to the event manager, Laurie Evans at (503) 222-4044, extension 124, or laurie@nicwa.org.

YOUTH SERVICES



LITTLES EVENT



WHO

Youth ***KINDERGARTEN*** to ***5TH*** grade
MUST be enrolled in the youth services program
DOOR PRIZES for those parent's who bring their children

WHEN

JUNE 15, 2010 from
10:00 AM until 9:00 PM



WHERE

Yogi Bear's Camp-Resort Warrens, Wisconsin

Jellystone Park-Warrens, WI
Just off of I-94

WHAT

Waterslides, Lazy River,
Wave Pool, Mini golf and lots more
2 Meals & Snacks will be provided.
Bring Swimming Suits & Towels



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL YOUTH & LEARNING CENTER

11TH ANNUAL

BROWN FAMILY REUNION

Saturday and Sunday, August 14th and 15th, 2010
Blackhawk Park, Desoto, Wisconsin

Blackhawk Park is located about four miles North of Desoto, Wisconsin on Highway 35 going towards La Crosse on your left or about twenty-four miles South of La Crosse on Highway 35 going towards Desoto on your right.

For more information contact: Mike Goze: 1-612-709-5634 • Phyllis Tutor: 1-715-682-8192

When you read this notice, please notify anyone else who doesn't know about the reunion. Hope to see all that can make it.

Happy Fathers Day to Lindley Thompson!



I thank Mauna for you every day! You are a father who listens, defends and cares! When things go wrong, you never judge me, you are patient, helpful, strong and understanding. When everyone else turns their back on me, you were there to carry me through this time. I'll be home soon! I love you so much Daddy! Love, Beep!

Welcome
Leora Elaine Kassanavoid
6lbs 3oz
Born April 30, 2010
In Tomah, WI.
Parents: Andrew and Jamie Kassanavoid
Gaga: Anna Reichenbach





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy 5th Birthday Bailey!
6-11-10
Love: Mom & Dad & Nunu

In Loving Memory
Brandon W. Greyeyes, Sr.

You are the birds that flies with me.
You are the breeze that wraps around me.
You are the sunshine that makes me smile.
You are everything around me, that lets me know you are there……
The pain is always there not having you around to hug and hear you laugh!
Always in our hearts and never forgotten.
Your loving family and dear friends



Cilicia Marie White Eagle
and
Bret Valentino Ray Lucero



Invite you to share in the
Joy of their Marriage Ceremony
In a Native American Church
Prayer meeting
(Meeting will start Friday Night, June Eighteenth until Saturday morning)
Saturday, June Nineteenth, Two Thousand and Ten
At Eagle Island
E11275 Shady Lane Road
Baraboo, Wisconsin 53913

IN LOVING MEMORY
Marine Corporal (Vietnam)

Dexter Yellowthunder

Wakanjazi

May 23, 1946 – June 14, 2009
The stars you wore still shine, although you walk a different trail
Ni kudu hinc wi
We are grateful

The family of
Cheskay Lee Stanley
wishes to say thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation, and the Dells, Wittenberg, and Eau Claire chapters of the NAC. We also wish to thank the many cooks who fed us and all of the relatives for your donations of money, time and goods. The prayers, songs, and well wishes of the relatives are cherished along with the memories of our beloved husband, son, father, brother, nephew, and tega Cheskay. Last but not least we wish to thank Marlon and the WhiteEagle family along with Hagee Cleveland for running services and being there in our time of need. Our most sincere wish is for God to bless us all for we are all mourners.



SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Nekoosa Cash Advance, LLC, Petitioner, v. Dawn M. Smith, Respondent.
Case : CG 10-51

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Dawn M. Smith

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . *See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed ***can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.*** *Id.*, Rule 54.

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SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Lewis A. Frogg, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-21

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Lewis A. Frogg

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SUMMONS
(Second Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Creative Finance Inc., Petitioner, v. Charles Hopinkah, Respondent.
Case : CG10-28

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Charles Hopinkah

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SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

State of WI, Petitioner, v. Ted L. Brown, Respondent.
Case : CS 10-20

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Ted L. Brown

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Appreciation for Native American culture

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

For many years, Ho-Chunk people and many other Native American tribes have practiced their language, culture, religion, and traditions. Today, a lot of what use to be known has slowly been lost to assimilation into the white world. As in every culture, it is very important to pass down information to younger generations because without language and culture, we seize to exist.

Although many of our elders have passed on in recent years, their stories and traditions still remain with us. Often times, comments are made about "we don't share enough stories." Some of those stories involve different processes such as: basketry, beading, singing, dancing, cooking, hunting, and many more.



Finding the right tree.



Pounding and splitting of the log.

Ho-Chunk tribal member Allen Cloud was recently asked by Professor Sandhya Ganapathy, to help get students to start thinking more carefully and deeply about Native baskets and the people who create them for an Anthropology course entitled "Native Cultures of North America" (ANTH 339 – UWSP, Spring 2010), held at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point.

Professor Ganapathy and her husband paid $5.00 for a basket at a rummage sale one summer and noticed the original price tag of $2.25 was still etched in pencil on the bottom of the basket. The lady who sold it to them said, "An Indian made it." Sandhya's family is really from India and comment they had a good laugh at that. Not knowing much about the basket until a friend mentioned that it looked like a Ho-Chunk basket and that Ho-Chunk women would sell baskets near the Dells and other parts of the state, she soon realized there was a much deeper story connected to what she originally thought of as "just a nice basket."

"I wanted my students to think about how a great deal of cultural knowledge and environmental knowledge goes into making a basket; how the natural materials are connected to particular landscapes; how basket makers often worked with family and social networks to harvest the materials they needed; how basket makers helped their family's survive economically; and how basket makers are truly artists," said Professor Ganapathy. She also noted that "in our society today, we are so used to simply buying things, and we don't often think about what goes into making them. I thought that through this basketry project, I could help to direct more attention and respect for the life experiences and rich bodies of knowledge that shapes the process of basketry."



Pictures donated by Georgianne (aka Siga) Funmaker.



Members of UWSP Anthropology 339-Spring 2010.

Allen Cloud grew up helping his mother, Ruth Cloud, a well known basket maker in her time, through the different processes of making baskets. Ruth was one of those women that would sit for hours on a small blanket or pillow making beautiful Ho-Chunk baskets to sell at Fort Dells.

Cloud explained the many steps involved in selecting an appropriate tree for basket-making. The ideal tree should be 8-10 inches in diameter, without any branches or knots, growing away from pine stands. Since black ash (aka "water log") is found in swampy environments, it retains a lot of moisture making the splints easier to work with for basketry.

It is primarily the responsibility of men to harvest and process the tree, which is first cut down and then moved to higher ground where the pounding and processing begins. After securing the log, the "pounder" then strips away a segment of bark with a draw knife. Small notches are made about 3 inches apart, which will be the eventual width of the splints.

In order to remove splints, the log must first be pounded. This is typically done using the blunt end of a single bladed axe. Pounding breaks apart the growth rings and eventually the splints separate from the log and are removed in small groups. The splints are bundled together and given to the basket maker. Typically a large log supplies enough material to produce twenty to twenty-five baskets.



The UWSP Natural History Museum features several Ho-Chunk splint baskets made by Ruth Cloud.

A Ho-Chunk woman separates individual layers of wood from a splint. The wood splints are worked and separated to whatever width is needed for specific baskets. Using a knife, the basket-maker further smoothes and thins the wood in order to make the splints easier to work with.

The design of each basket is unique to the artist that makes them. The most difficult part of the basket-making process is the construction of the base. After the base is established, the splints are bent upward and the basket begins to take shape. At this point, the artist imparts her own creativity and unique style.

In the final stage, the basket-maker adds the top edge. Depending on the style, a handle can also be added to the design. Historically, men carved handles out of hickory or ash. Women would then adjust the handles to fit perfectly onto their basket. Certain types of baskets also incorporate covers or lids which slip over the top edge. This is often the most detailed and eye-catching aspect.

The end result of the project was a display featured in the UWSP Library/Natural History Museum. "I certainly would like to do a project like this again. In many ways, what we have accomplished over the course of the semester is just a starting point. Basketry connects to so many different aspects of Native peoples' lives, both historically and contemporarily, and there is always much more to learn."



